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Ken Corwin WDFW 600 Capitol Way N Olympia, WA 98501

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Dear Ken,

I am writing to thank you for you contribution to salmon enhancement projects in the Skagit watershed. Over the past year, your technical expertise and survey skills have been a huge assistance to the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group's salmon recovery efforts. The Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group is a nonprofit organization and relies on securing grant funds to implement important salmon recovery projects throughout our community. With limited funding and staff resources, it is often difficult for us to present the needed technical information to the grant review committees. Over the past year or so, you have performed survey work for two potential restoration projects on Childs Creek and Ennis Creek. This survey work produced excellent data that aided us in developing solid projects and gave us the tools to present the project information to grant review committees. In both cases your survey skills and ability to produce easy to read documentation, has resulted in us securing new grant funds to implement salmon recovery projects. Resources for developing projects can be difficult to identify in the nonprofit sector and having access to your technical skills has been very beneficial for salmon resources in the Skagit watershed.

Additionally, this past summer, you assisted us in documenting the baseline survey information for an important salmon recovery project funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board on Finney Creek. Establishing accurate baseline data, is essential to tracking the success of grant funded projects. We greatly appreciate utilizing your survey expertise to ensure that we have the highest quality data for future monitoring. Additionally, the time you spend on these projects helps us to meet our grant matching requirements.

It has been a pleasure working with you on these projects and I hope we can continue to work together in the future. My staff finds you very easy to work with and have all been very impressed with the accuracy and the products you have produced.

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